





fear of this dispute. Whichever may be the  
 reason for Spain's refusing an unequalled  
 acceptance of the terms offered by the  
 United States we fear that she will find  
 that she has made a mistake. As we  
 said before, the terms offered were  
 fair and moderate and it is not likely  
 that the United States will see fit to  
 reduce their demands. On the other  
 hand, should Spain's action result in a  
 prolongation of the war, it is likely  
 that the Americans may be obliged to in-  
 crease instead of reduce their demands.

At the Colombo Sessions a well-known member of the European community, who was charged with cheating the Chartered Mercantile Bank a specific sum of Rs. 12,000, was found "guilty," by a majority of seven to two of a English-speaking jury.

Astronomy. In place of these it is suggested establish twelve Departments, the Senior them all to be named the Department of Law and Edicts. The idea is said to have been favorably considered by the Emperor, who once commanded the Grand Council, the Board of Civil Appointments, and the Taungti Yamen to deliberate over the matter and report thereon. The reply was that they "considered the changes recommended to be too sweeping and such radical innovations could not therefore last long." His Majesties seemed unwilling to lay the matter on the table and replied: "I am determined to effect some change, and you are all to reconsider your report on this question." More recent dispatches hand, however, report that the opposition to these radical changes is still very great by a "except" the few who are more advanced views, and eager to effect as sweeping a revolution as passed over Japan three and a half decades ago. Amongst those last is the Emperor

Our informant alleges that since 1895, the districts of Sal, Leb, Jering, Nangchick, Jang, and Kung have been ruled by a local ruler, the Siamese Residents stationed on the spot. Our informant complains that the Siamese Residents govern these districts at their own will and pleasure, regardless of the Mohammedan Law and Malay usages. Taxation is said to have been so arbitrarily increased that trade has fallen off. The natives feel the injustice acutely, especially the interference with their religious practices. Judges, and they dislike their Siamese Resident authority.

The Jaks of these districts, when they hear that the King of Siam had visited Europe, gain knowledge and familiarize himself with improved methods of government, though ignorant of him. They hoped that, on his return, would redress the wrongs of their people. Their hopes have been disappointed, says our informant. The distrust in question are said to be now worse off than ever, and the suffering of the people, are almost unbearable. Our informant says that, unless some relief is granted, will be driven to find relief from oppression by flight to the neighbouring States.

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The match produced the usual excitement characteristic of such games and provided a treat for the fair sex who appeared to enjoy the entertainment.

The arrangements for the accommodation of spectators, etc., were made by Mr. Lesh, Steward of the Club, to whose credit is due.



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